

Summary of Headquarters traces on SS General Karl Wolff  
SS No. 14,235 Party No. 696,131

Subject was born on 13 May 1900 in Darmstadt, Germany. From 1918 to 1920, Subject was a Lieutenant in the Heissische Freikorps. Subject is alleged to have grown up as an Army Officer in Military Espionage. From March to June 1933 Subject was adjutant to General von EPP. He was head of the personal staff of the RFSS (Reich Commander of the SS) from at least June 1942 and often visited Hitler's Headquarters during 1941-1942. In August 1942 the Subject is reported to have visited Finland with HIMMLER. In December 1942 Subject was reported to have been with the RSHA (Main Office State and Party Security). At this time it is believed that WOLFF owned a Villa on Lake Como and a castle near Berlin.

In a dispatch dated 27 February 1945 the following was reported:

SS Obergruppenfuhrer Karl Wolff has been appointed highest SS and Police Chief for the rear areas in Italy by HIMMLER. His rank corresponds to that of an Army Group Commander. There are rumors in German diplomatic circles that WOLFF may succeed von RIBBENTROP who is at odds with HIMMLER. Since WOLFF has been chief of the SS and the Police in Italy for some time, it may be considered that he has been promoted to Oberstgruppenfuhrer and placed on the same level of command with KESSLERING.

In numerous documents at Headquarters it has also been reported that WOLFF was instrumental in negotiating the early surrender of the German Army in Northern Italy. These negotiations were conducted between General WOLFF and SS Colonel DOLLMANN on one hand and DULLES in Switzerland on the other. As an intermediary in these negotiations the Germans utilized a Baron Luigi PARRILLI, a well-known German intelligence agent.

Very little information, derogatory or otherwise, could be found on WOLFF in Headquarters files, since 1945. One reason is the fact that from 1945 to 1949 WOLFF was interned by the American military authorities. The latest document mentioning WOLFF is dated 16 March 1953, and is addressed from John Bross, Chief EE to the DCI. In the memo, BROSS states that he is returning a letter which had previously been sent to the Director by Karl WOLFF. In the letter, WOLFF stated that he had collaborated with DOLLMANN in preparing an article to be published in the near future dealing with the 1945 surrender of the German Army. DOLLMANN has been barred from Germany since the end of the war, and lived since that time in Switzerland, Austria, Italy, and most recently Spain. He has been under frequent attack particularly by communist groups for alleged neo-Nazi activities. Traces on Wolff reveal very little current information as he has lived in relative retirement since the end of the war.

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